

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing amendment to the English-language claims which were amended in the International Preliminary Report on Patentability dated June 6, 2006 (copy attached), prior to the prosecution of the application.

This Preliminary Amendment puts the claims into proper form for examination. Note that claims have been amended; claims 1-6, 28 and 40 were previously presented in the International Application; claims 7-13, 18, 20-24, 26-27, 30-31, 33-37, and 43-44 have been amended; and original claims 14-17, 19, 25, 29, 32, 38-39 and 41-42 remain unchanged. Kindly calculate the filing fee based on the amended claims.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter which would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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